case 8 in which two joint crosses 9 are mounted for movement. The shaft ends 2 and 3 are jointed on one another by means of the forks 4 and 6 which are journaled on the joint crosses 9, and by means of a ball joint. The ball joint includes a ball 5 mounted to one shaft end 2, 3 and a socket 7 mounted to the other shaft end 2, 3. The ball 5 is resiliently mounted for rotation about its center point in the socket 7 and is slidingly moveable in the direction of the shaft axis of the other shaft end 2, 3. Bellows can protect the joint against dirt.

On Page 10, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

In Figure 3 it is furthermore to be seen that the plate springs 31 are held advantageously in an annular chamber 34 which is formed at the end of fork 6 at a shaft end. In Fig. 3, the tumbler guide means 7, 30, is provided with a flange 33 which serves as a spring abutment and is urged against another flange 41 configured as a holding lip or claw, so that, in the rest position, it is aligned axially with the shaft axis. The flange 41 furthermore holds the friction bearing in an axial position.

One Page 10, the last paragraph has been amended as follows:

In Fig. 3b, another variant of the tumbler sleeve mounting is shown; here the tumbler sleeve 7, 30 is urged by a spring or springs 31 abutting flange 33 on the tumbler side against the flange 35 on the fork side. The springs 31 in that case thrust against the flange 41 forming the chamber 34; for assembly they are held on the socket 7. In this manner, as shown in Figures 3 and 3b, the tumbler sleeve 7, 30 (or the socket 7, 30) is resiliently pivotably mounted to the other shaft end and resiliently supported in the axial direction, so that the tumbler sleeve 7, 30 can tumble resiliently about the shaft axis when subjected to a radial force. The bushing 11 is advantageously affixed to the tumbler socket 7 by holding means 32, 32.2. Advantageously this is accomplished by rim 32, at least on the side of bushing 11 remote from the fork 6. The hook of the rim 32 should overlap the bushing 11 at least to the extent that, when wear occurs and free play results it will not drop out. At the other end of the bushing 11 a retaining